REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested for claims 1-8 and 10-19.

The drawings were objected to as failing to show the subject matter defined by claim 9.

To expedite prosecution, claim 9 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, on the grounds that the recitation in claims 1, 6, and 12-16 of the expression "positive fit", e.g., in a direction of traction force, is unclear. As seen in the attached pages copied from a German-English Dictionary of Engineering and Technology, the expression "positive fit" is a translation of the German word "formschlüssig". In the present application, the expression "positive fit" is used to describe the connection of two parts which are interlocking in at least one direction.

To illustrate, in FIGS. 1 and 2, the clamping plate 14, 15, respectively, has a downwardly protruding securing tappet 20 which engages a recess 21 in the base plate 3, 6, respectively. A force acting in "the direction of the traction force of the traction element 1" will press the tappet 20 against one side of the recess 21 of the base plate 3, 6, respectively. THis means that there is a "positive fit" between the clamping plate 14, 15 and the base plate 3, 6. This positive fit is effective in the direction of the traction force, i.e., in the lengthwise direction of the traction element 1, i.e., in FIG. 2, the horizontal direction. FIG. 3 shows a positive fit or interlocking between the protrusions 22 connected with the clamping plate 15 and stops 23 which are connected with the base plate 6. FIGS. 5 and 6 show a positive fit between the front face 24 of the clamping plate 15 and two stops 25 connected with the base plate 6.

The specification of the present application describes what is achieved by a "positive fit" at, e.g., Page 2, last paragraph, and Page 5, lines 16-21 (of the English translation of the application). Importantly, a force from the traction element 1 is transferred by both adhesive

layers oin the upper side and the lower side of the traction element. Without a positive fit between the clamping plate and the base plate, the force from the traction element 1 would be transferred only by the adhesive layer at the lower side whereas the clamping plate would only clamp the traction element on the base plate. An adhesive layer on the upper side between the traction element 1 and the clamping plate 14, 15 would have no influence on the transfer of the traction force.

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the definition of a positive fit as meaning interlocking in at least one direction, the claims are not indefinite. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is cordially urged.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 12, 13, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,584,738 to *Andrä et al.* Claim 1, from which the remaining claims depend, defines an anchoring for strip-shaped traction elements on a supporting structure that is under tension comprising a base plate attached to the supporting structure and a clamping plate clamped against the base plate and fixed by adhesion and clamping, wherein the clamping plate is supported on the base plate in a positive fit in a direction of a traction force of the traction element.

In Andrä et al., the clamping plate 12 is clamped against a lower plate 11, clamping the tension member 1 between the plates. The lower plate 11 is not a base plate. Both plates 11 and 12 are movable relative to a base plate 14. Hydraulic cylinders 15 acting between the face 16 of the clamping 12 and fact 17 do not constitute a positive fit but a clamping drive to move the plates 11, 12 relative to the base plate. There is no positive fit between the clamping plate 12 and any other plate against which the clamping plate 12 is clamped. Accordingly, for at least

these reasons, it is submitted that claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom are not anticipated

by Andrä et al.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims, claims 1-8 and 10-19, are in

condition for allowance. Allowance is cordially urged.

To the extent that any extensions of time are necessary in connection with this

application it is requested that there be a standing petition for extension of time and that any

additional fees that are required, or refunds due, in connection with this or any other paper

filed in connection with this application be charged to Deposit Account 503015.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues, please

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